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"There are more men ennobled by reading than by nature."

PHILADELPHIA.

Their Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

A Historical Sketch.

BREVITIES.

(From our Philadelphia Correspondent.)

During last Friday, this city was attacked by snow, hail, rain and slush. In the evening in spite of the inclemency of the weather, All Souls' Working Club still celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization in a very appropriate manner.

President Henry E. Stevens opened the anniversary exercises with introductory remarks, as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—I suppose you are acquainted with the object of this gathering, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of our club, a quarter of a century.

How many of us here have seen it and how many will live to see another. How few of the original organizers of the club are privileged to be with us to honor this anniversary. It is, indeed, rare that social organizations of our character survive so long, yet I cherish the hope that the majority of us may live to celebrate our golden anniversary.

Mr. J. S. Reider, our worthy secretary, who has filled that position so acceptably to all, will give us a historical sketch of the club, while Mr. James S. Reider, Esq., Principal of the New Jersey Institution, will honor us by an oration, while some of our lady friends favor us with a poem. The second part of our programme has been changed. I hope you will all enjoy a pleasant evening.

The above was interpreted by Mr. Booth for the benefit of hearing people present.

Then Mr. James S. Reider read, interpreted by Prof. Kirkhuff, his very interesting historical sketch of the club:

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CLUB.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—A quarter of a century has elapsed since this association began its history, and a noteworthy fact is that during all that time it has maintained an active existence. It is not with pardonable pride then that it holds this commemoration?

As an Asorian, and, in consideration of the brief time allotted to me, I can not find better satisfaction than in quoting the admirable little history printed with the Constitution and By-Laws, that time, whose author, though not named, was undoubtedly the Rev. Henry Winter Syle. However, it will be necessary for me to revise and enlarge it. I shall aim to condense it as much as possible.

The deaf, by reason of their loss of the important sense of hearing, which deprives them of so many of the pleasures that gratify hearing people, have a natural inclination to social meetings or unions, and they indulge in them so frequently that they are often criticised when, perhaps, they should be encouraged. However simple, as the pleasures derived from these occasions may be, they often lead to beneficial results. Especially in large cities, where the deaf are counted by the hundreds, do they have a tendency to combine profit with pleasure, the results being proportioned to the opportunities offered. This fact has been demonstrated at the beginning of the Association.

"As the number of well-educated deaf people in Philadelphia increased, the social and literary circles began to form. It was called the 'Coates Lyceum,' after the founder, Mr. Comly Coates, and held meetings at the members' homes in turn for about twenty years (1857-59)."

In February, 1859, the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., of New York, began monthly services for the deaf in Philadelphia, which resulted in the establishment of a Mission under the care of the Protestant Episcopal Church. In June, 1859, it became connected with Calvary Church, then at Front and Margaret Streets; and at a service there on Sunday, September 9th, Dr. Gallaudet suggested that a literary society be formed. Some gentlemen met to consider the suggestion, the following Wednesday, at the house of Mr. C. Van Court. At their call a public meeting was held in the Sunday school room on Friday, September 22nd, when it was resolved to establish such a society, to hold meetings there, under the name of "The Literary Association of the Philadelphia Deaf-Mute Mission." Rules were adopted October 13th, and the organization completed October 20th. From that time to the present, literary and social meetings have been held every week, except during the hot season. One or two picnics have been held every summer, beginning in 1877 (in 1878 a large number of deaf-mutes in moderate circumstances were treated to a visit to the Centennial levee took place in December 1882).

It was followed by others that were highly enjoyable, but they finally discontinued on account of the pecuniary loss which they entailed.

"On May 3th, the association first assembled in the Parish building of St. Stephen's Church, to which the Mission had been removed. In 1877 the Constitution was revised, and the name changed to "The Cleric Literary Association of the Deaf-Mute Mission of St. Stephen's Church." The word "Cleric" was added in honor of two eminent benefactors of the deaf in Pennsylvania—Prof. Laurent Clerc, who in 1821 introduced the French system of instruction into the Institution in Philadelphia, and his son, the Rev. Francis J. Clerc, D.D., who was from 1866 to 1872 the devoted and beloved Pastor of the Mission, and both then and

always since the warm friend of this society.

"The association being for many years the only organization among the deaf in Philadelphia, it was the recognized means by which they were united for mutual assistance and general interest and importance. It managed the very enjoyable Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Institution, February 7th, 1871, and the subscription then begun to present to the Institution an oil portrait of the late principal, Mr. Lewis Weld. It also started the Pennsylvania Cleric Memorial Association, which raised over \$600 for the monument erected to Mr. Laurent Clerc, at Hartford, in 1874; and presented to Rev. Dr. Clerc a crayon portrait of his father, which has since been given by him to the National Deaf-Mute College at Washington. These two pictures were executed by the distinguished deaf artist, Mr. John Carlin, who also, now for the Association's own portraits (temporarily placed at the Institution for safe-keeping) of Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, L.L.D., Prof. Laurent Clerc, and Mr. James S. Reider, Esq.

"In October, 1876, the Ephriata Guild was formed by the deaf church members to help in the support and management of the Mission; a Sunday school was also in existence, and a Pastoral Aid Society of ladies was soon formed. It proved desirable that all the organizations connected with the Mission should be united in order to act with system and harmony, each in its own field. Accordingly, in December, 1880, the association became a Literary and Social Branch of the Association of the Deaf, which keeps full control of its own funds and internal management."

"Ladies had always been admitted freely to all except business meetings, and had shown a lively interest in the welfare of the association. In 1886 they held a very successful fair for its benefit."

"An important advance was made in June, 1884, when the association decided to establish a library, and made an appropriation for the beginning. It was opened on February 12th, 1885, and has since been growing rapidly. It numbers about five hundred books. Some of them are valuable, and, considered as a whole, the library is a very useful factor. A lot of books were purchased by the association, but the greater number were donated by the members and friends. Another portion came from the library of Laurent Clerc, not having been presented by Rev. Dr. Clerc on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the association."

In the fall of 1884, the mission was obliged to seek new quarters for the convenience of the deaf. It went to the American Protestant Episcopal Church, Eighth above Spruce Street; but finding that the association could not meet there on Thursday evenings, it again, in January, 1885, when the Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., Rector of the Church of the Covenant, at Fifth and Chestnut Streets, invited it to his church, which invitation was gladly accepted.

The twentieth anniversary of the association (September 23d, 1879) was celebrated by a beautiful and entertaining exercises in the chapel of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. Mr. Thomas Jefferson Trist delivered the historical oration. There was a large public meeting and all ended successfully.

The following winter, December 26th, (1885) occurred the centennial anniversary of the birth of Laurent Clerc, and a celebration was arranged by the association, in which the officers of the Pennsylvania Institution kindly co-operated. It consisted of a public meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets, with addresses from several persons, and an elaborate oration on the life of Clerc, delivered by John P. Walker Esq., closing with a reception at the Institution in the evening.

An attempt was made in the spring of 1887 to extend the membership of the association, but it was then deemed inexpedient and abandoned after due consideration. During the summer of 1887, All Souls' Mission had been removed to St. Stephen's Church, again, the removal having been necessitated by the sale of the Church of the Covenant.

In the fall of 1887, the association decided to celebrate the birth of Thomas H. Gallaudet, L.L.D., the founder of deaf-mute education in America (December 10th, 1880) and invited the De l'Epee Catholic Deaf-Mutes' Association and the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf to co-operate with it. The plan was successful, and the celebration on December 12th was probably the grandest that was ever given by the deaf-mute community. A large public meeting held at St. George's Hall, Thirteenth and Arch Streets, at which Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., was presiding officer, and Alexander Graham Bell, Ph.D.'s, World's Commission on the Education of the Blind and Deaf of the United Kingdom, urging upon it the justice and expediency of extending government aid for the education of the deaf of Great Britain.

On November 28th, 1888, the association was formally reorganized and the title changed to "All Souls' Working People's Club and Cleric Literary Association." The change was thought advisable and desirable on account of the increased facilities which the association would have after its removal to All Souls' Church building, its present home. It was also the outcome of a long, patient and earnest study by the Rev. H. W. Syle, the late Pastor of the Mission and one devoted friend and wise counselor of the association.

The new club was inaugurated on December 13th in the lecture room of All Souls' Church, Mr. S. Gaston Davidson was appointed its first president. Under the organization, a new system of management was adopted, which has since proved its excellence over the old one. The entire man-

agement of the club is now in the hands of the minister in charge of All Souls' Church as *ex-officio* Chairman, and the council appointed by him from time to time.

The council, as the managing committee, transacts the business of the association at monthly meetings, and reports its work at quarterly meetings of the club for approval. The minister appoints the president, and the council elects the other officers of the club, who serve for the term of a year. The chairman *ex-officio* may veto any action of the club or of the council, subject to appeal to the Bishop of the Diocese.

It is a pleasure to state that the door of membership is now open to ladies, who are entitled to the same privileges as the gentlemen, whom they outnumber. They are doing good work, and it is fair to assume that they will do much towards promoting the social welfare of the club.

The association has now a president, Mr. S. Gaston Davidson, to represent it at the International Congress of the Deaf, held at Paris, in July 1889. His report showed that the deaf of America supersede those of Europe in intelligence, enterprise and education.

A year ago, the Association commemorated the one hundredth anniversary of the death of the Abbe De l'Epee at Wylie's Memorial Church, on South Broad Street. Dr. Isaac Lewis Peel, L.L.D., of New York, delivered an oration on the great benefactor at this commemoration.

On January 6th, 1890, a sudden and unexpected loss befell the Association by the death of its most valuable counselor and steward, the Rev. Henry Winter Syle. One of the resolutions adopted by the Club, after his death, declared that "to the devotion and constant oversight of the late Rev. Henry Winter Syle, the Club is almost entirely indebted for its present prosperity and usefulness."

The association has now a convenient and comfortable home, is continually prospering, having eighty-three active members, a hall fund of several hundred dollars well invested, and safely kept, and a large balance on hand for current expenses. Its purpose is to supplement the instruction received while at school, by a course of lectures and other literary exercises, and the provision of reading matter of a suitable character. It also provides harmless and rational amusements, and is open to members and visitors on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. "Long may it flourish and spread its benefits!"

On Thursday evening two weeks ago, in the Parish Hall of All Souls' Church, Mr. Thomas Breen read an interesting detective story, entitled "The Headless Man."

On the Saturday evening following, an exciting raffle for a French mantle clock with a bronze statue was held in Apollo Club house. The house was crowded with deaf-mutes of both sexes. At the stroke of ten o'clock, the raffle closed. Mr. Spencer M. Hannold, Sergeant-at-arms of the club, won the prize. Then Mr. Washington Houston, who had done his best effort to sell the highest number of tickets—151 tickets, was presented with a good sum of money for a "Christmas Dinner" turkey.

The club has gained over fifty-four dollars from sale of raffle tickets. During the raffle-pulling, the deaf-mutes took much interest in pool-playing and in conversation. It was a grand success.

The club bought a set of new composition pool-balls. The man who sold the balls, made a present of a new handsome cues, and two cards containing rules for pool and billiard playing, to the club.

Last Thursday, all the day and evening, the club was filled with friends and visitors. Many of them played pool. The members did their best to entertain them.

During the day, Messrs. Randolph and Fentress, of Norfolk, Va., were selling illustrated cards containing the Lord's Prayer in sign-language; and Messrs. Krause and John Vankirk were there, and several other visitors.

It was announced in one of our dailies that an important factor in supplying this city with both hard and soft coal is the firm of Messrs. Patrick and Lipsett, whose main headquarters are at No. 1523 Callowhill Street, and also operate yards at Nos. 900 and Washington Avenue, and 3100 Germantown Avenue; also a wharf at 3542 Callowhill Street, and also a yard at 1027 Germantown Avenue. The firm is beyond all question one of the largest in Philadelphia, and was first organized in 1865. They make a specialty of the Westmoreland Coal, best known for low-down grades, while they carry from 8,000 to 10,000 tons of coal of different varieties in stock at all times. This firm is doing a business of 65,000 to 75,000 tons per year. Their splendid facilities and influential connections enable them to offer purchasers every possible advantage regarding prices. Mr. Jos. W. Lipsett, the member of the firm, is the brother of Wm. H. Lipsett. All Souls' Church, and a good many mute families, have patronized the firm for several years.

Messrs. John R. Lewis, Secretary of Apollo Club, and Henry Blankenssee, vice-president of the same club, will attend a deaf-mute ball on January 28th, in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. James T. Young went on a visit last week, to their

friends in Lancaster, Pa., where they are now sojourning for a week or so.

This evening Walter Campbell, the well-known light-weight boxing instructor of the Athletic Club of the Schuylkill Navy, is tendered a benefit at the Philadelphia Athletic Club rooms, 922 Ridge Avenue. Among the several athletic games, Mr. Albert Kidd, a champion deaf-mute wrestler, will wrestle "catch-as-catch-can" with Billie Coup.

Mr. James E. Moroney has been to Altoona, Pa., to attend to some business.

Dr. Rebecca Moore who is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fortescue in a boarding house uptown, had a deaf-mute father or grandfather.

Yesterday afternoon, while about three deaf-mute ladies and two deaf gentlemen and a child were amusing themselves in sign-language, like merry-makers on Christmas Day, in a dummy car from an uptown suburb, with a view of attending All Souls' Church service, they were interrupted by some two men, who made fun of them by using their hands awkwardly and iliterally. This insult caused one of the gentlemen to get mad, and he wrote to them saying that they were fortunately made by God to hear and talk, but we, deaf-mutes, were unfortunately hampered with deafness and could not talk or hear, and asked them to stop making sport of our misfortune. When they read it, they at once stopped their fun-making and kept perfectly silent until they both separated in different ways.

Mr. Wm. F. Darian has gone to Walden, N. Y., last Thursday morning, where he is still there until he brings his whole family here on the 31st inst. This will add our census. It was very kind in Miss Dora Kintzel, who sent a present of a Bible mark to All Souls' Church a few days ago.

Mrs. Vancourt and Mrs. Michael Higgins were made happy by receiving a gold clasp for fastening a cloak, and a pretty double-light lamp respectively, from the Pastoral Aid Society, as a token of its gratefulness to their faithful service in the church.

After that, Mr. Jenkins was introduced to the audience, and he delivered a very interesting and instructive oration in which he, in the beginning, spoke of the uses of associations of the deaf, encouraging the good and condemning the bad, and making comparison between trade associations of the hearing, and commented on the work of All Souls' Club during the quarter of the century, paying a very high compliment to the club, and then he paid glowing tributes to the association's two most honored men, Clerc and Syle, and closed with words of encouragement and praise to the club and extending his best wishes for its continued prosperity and long life.

After his oration, he was greatly applauded. Then Misses Eva Post, Shedd, Egner and Mrs. Reider rendered, in concerted signs, a poem entitled, "Imperishable."

Mr. Robert M. Zeigler gave an explanation why the second part of the programme was abandoned, and it was because he failed to make arrangements with the proprietor of the hotel concerning the grand supper.

A goodly number of the pupils of the Pennsylvania Institution and several out-of-town visitors were there to make the audience large and the anniversary successful.

After the exercise closed, there was a reception in honor of Mr. Jenkins. Messrs. Zeigler and McKinney, and Miss Keen, as a committee on celebration, deserve credit for making the celebration a success.

Messrs. E. Sager, John Vankirk, Krause, of Allentown, Pa.; Fentress and Randolph, of Norfolk, Va.; James L. Stubbs, of Baltimore, Md.; Burkhardt, of Lancaster, Pa.; John Botzum, of Reading, Pa.; Miss T. Glenn, of Carlisle, Pa.; and Mrs. J. Stiles, New Egypt, N. J., were among the audience.

All Souls' Church was well attended by deaf-mutes living in this city and from out of town yesterday afternoon. Besides the above named visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Lanus, of York, Pa.; Albert Myers, of Allentown, Pa.; Misses Emma Shafer and Wright, of Frankford, were seen there. The columns in the channel were decorated with mistletoe, and flowers, in two silver vases given by Dr. Gallaudet a few years ago.

Mrs. J. Stiles was a guest of Mrs. Belknap for several days.

Mr. Melvaine, '93, of the National Deaf-Mute College, was in town for a vacation and will go home this week.

PHILA., Dec. 29, '90.

The Deaf Community of this city was shocked at hearing, through the dailies last Wednesday, that Mr. Abraham L. Manning, an intelligent deaf-mute, who has patented an amusing game entitled "The Educational Apparatus," almost like "The World's Educator," was arrested by Officer Clunn, of the Eleventh District here, when the latter saw him acting in a strange manner at Shackamaxon and Richmond Streets and took him into custody last Tuesday.

After reaching the police station, the mute said he was without a home, and also upon the complaints of his relatives stating he sent threatening letters to them, Dr. Lamb was called in and after examination the mute was pronounced insane. He was sent to the Philadelphia Hospital, Insane Department.

Last Saturday afternoon, Messrs. James L. and John M. Robb, Massey and J. H. Sands visited the unfortunate mute, with whom they had a talk. He seemed to be the same as usual. The overseer told them there are about thirty deaf-mutes in that department.

Mr. Gallion, of Baltimore, Md., visited Apollo Club last Saturday evening.

Messrs. Gallion and Springer, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. G. Witmeyer, of Lancaster, were at All Souls' Church yesterday.

THE RECORDER.

PHILA, Jan. 5, 1891.

Washington School for Defective Youths.

Prof. Watson gave a good lecture to us yesterday, and we were interested in it.

Mr. Cummins, a well-known deaf-mute of Wallula, Washington, committed suicide by taking poison recently.

We are always glad when the JOURNAL comes, and it is eagerly sought after by all on its appearance. It takes five and six days to reach us.

Prof. J. C. Watson resigned his position as the principal of the Winnipeg School, on account of illness. He has accepted the position of teacher of the High Class at this school.

We were sorry to learn that Miss Edith Jones' father, as prominent resident of Port Townsend, died on the 4th of December. Miss Jones was formerly of the California School, and is at present in attendance here.

It is wonderful that a deaf compositor, Edward Lohmeyer, who is a student of the Berkeley School, can set 2,300 ems of leaded nonpareil in two hours. We ask "Who can beat him?"

W. Ewing is the champion runner of the Washington School for Defective Youths. He runs 100 yards in 104 seconds. He has won many races since 1882.

Perhaps some of the students will go to Chicago on a visit to the World's Fair in 1893. Suppose they will be very much pleased to see the products of the world at that time.

The school reopened last Tuesday with an attendance of forty-five pupils. They were very much surprised to see the changes about the building. The premises look better than when they were here last year. The new steam plant is working, and also the electric plant is in operation throughout the new building. More pupils will return after Christmas.

We, the big boys, are going to form a foot-ball team, then begin to practice in order to play some clubs of the city and Portland during the winter. Foot-ball is the most popular sport among us. Base-ball will take the place of it the coming spring. We will play a match game of base-ball with the Public School boys, who wish to play with us, if we play well.

William Gormley's father has moved to the county of Ellensburg from Dayton, Wash., where he has occupied 160 acres of land. He is going to farm there. William is a pupil of this school.

Mr. Peake, a graduate with the highest honors, of Belleville, Canada, made an enjoyable visit to this school a few weeks ago. He has gone to Astoria, Oregon, where he holds down a case on the *Daily Asorian* at a profitable remuneration. We wish him a success.

STUDENT.

VANCOUVER, WASH., Dec. 23, '90.

CENTRAL N. Y. INSTITUTION.

How Christmas was Spent.

BRIEF ITEMS.

On Christmas Eve our pupils assembled in the chapel at seven o'clock. A curtain hid the back part of the stage, and just in front of it lay what appeared to be a huge snowball.

Principal Nelson facetiously announced that Santa Claus when passing us on the fly, to-day, had tossed him this big snowball, and some other things for the deaf children.

As things were not always what they seemed, so he would investigate. He did, when the ball fell apart, and forth from it sprang a lovely snow fairy in the person of Jennie Fields. At the same time the curtain was drawn and disclosed to the eager eyes of the audience two beautiful, heavily loaded, Christmas trees, and heaps upon heaps of other things piled around. The snow sprite in graceful and rhythmic signs gave Santa Claus' greeting to the silent children. Announcing that he would gladly have been present in person, but for pressing engagements elsewhere this evening. But the fruitful trees and the piles of good things showed how well he remembered his deaf friends. In his absence, he commissioned Prof. Nelson to act as his deputy. Meanwhile, we must excuse her to go on with old Santa, etc.; then she vanished.

I think that it could justly be said that the display of presents surpassed that of any previous year. They were the result of the generosity of a number of large-hearted gentlemen and ladies in our city, who contributed about one hundred dollars that Christmas might be made merry to the silent ones. Prof. Nelson had expended it well, and had managed beforehand to find out just what would be most acceptable to each individual.

If the kind contributors could have been present, and seen the young faces light up as their beautiful presents were handed them, no doubt they would have felt satisfied that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

There were elegant books of travel, fiction, and general information, plush photograph albums, skates, writing desks, toilet cases, manicure sets, work boxes and the like, for the older ones, and sleds, tool chests, picture books, dolls' houses, Noah's arks, drums, magic lanterns, various games, etc., for the younger. Besides, each received apples, oranges and candy.

We have two little twin brothers just out of school age; they are inseparable chums as if a single heart beat between them; this little double heart was made glad by the present of a fine sled (joint ownership). One little girl got a doll's house, actually bigger than herself, and it was amusing to see the determined air with which she bore off her new domicile. There was considerable gift-giving among the older pupils and officers. Miss Cora Shuts, the popular supervisor of the girls, was very "numerously" remembered by her friends, and Yetta Burkhardt, of the High Class girls. Among the gifts, the latter received, was a substantial but mysterious keg, which contained visions of sauerkraut or of a certain foamy amber fluid in the imagination of lookers-on. It was the next morning before the tight little cask gave up its secret. It contained edibles and sweetmeats dear to the feminine palate, but insipid to the masculine tongue.

Outside of the Institution, there was also much gift-giving among the teachers, so that no one failed of having a joyful time of it. Christmas Day quite fulfilled the ideal; it was cold, crisp and clear, and such as ventured out, soon had as ruddy noses and cheeks as old Kris Kringle himself.

But few of our pupils are absent this year, as we have no vacation, the regular routine of school being suspended only on Christmas and New Year's Day.

I must not omit to record that the marriage of John L. Kennedy of LaPorte, Penn., and Maria Craner, of

Hastings, N. Y., took place, as announced, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesday, November 26th last. Both were pupils in our Institution. John is a rising young business man in his town.

Mr. C. O. Dautzer will hold services in Rome again, Sunday at 2:30 p.m., January 11th.

Happy New Year!
J. H. E.
ROME, N. Y., Dec. 29, '90.

BIDDEFORD, ME.

BIDDEFORD, ME., Jan. 4, 1891.

EDITOR OF THE DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL:—Mrs. Eliza Page Dennett, a well-known Biddeford lady, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis F. Small, on Elm Street, on Tuesday morning of last week at 5 o'clock, at the age of ninety-one years.

Mrs. Dennett was born in Buxton, Me., in 1799. Her father being Moses Woodman, the name of whose ancestors are familiarly connected with the early history of that town. He had a large family of children, none of whom are living at the present time.

The marriage of Miss Eliza Woodman, of Buxton, and James Page, of Waterboro, Me., was blessed by the birth of seven children, of whom the following are now living: John W. Page, of Biddeford; Amos W. Page, of Chichester Falls, Mass.; Mrs. Abbie Charles, of Lovell, Me.; Thomas C. Page, of Chichester Falls, and Mrs. Lewis F. Small, of Biddeford.

Mr. Page died about fifty years ago, in consequence of injury received by falling from a high bridge at Hollis, Me., and shortly after his death, his family moved first to Biddeford and then to Saco. For a number of years, his widow had charge of one of the York boarding houses. Her second marriage to David Dennett, of Buxton, occurred about thirty years ago. They had had no children.

Mr. Dennett died in 1869. Mrs. Dennett became connected with the Adam Street Baptist Church at the time of its organization and has ever since been closely identified with its interests. She was a woman of noble character and a well developed mind. Though far beyond the allotted three scores and then, she retained her faculties to a remarkable degree, even to the end.

Richwood, O.

The beautiful white Christmas was general all over the Ohio Valley, the biggest snow fall in Richwood for four or five years. It fell to the depth of about eight inches during afternoon and night.

W. R. Kirby is the best mute judge of horseflesh in this vicinity.

It is rumored that seven boys have been dismissed from the Ohio Institution since September last. They were fractious boys.

Miss Gertrude Stubert lives with her parents north of Richwood. She is a deaf, but not a mute. She is a very good lip reader and can converse well with her parents.

John B. Benedict is working as a compositor on the *American Christian Review* at Richwood. This is one of the leading religious papers in the country, which has a weekly average circulation of 15,000 copies.

J. B. Benedict was presented on Christmas Day with a handsome scarf pin, the gift of a warm friend.

Mr. and Mrs. Kubne are located near Shelby, O., and are well-to-do and pleasant people. They were pupils of the Ohio School.

There is in this civilized world an average of one deaf-mute to every 1,500 of the population; in other words there are at least 1,000,000 of this afflicted class.

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We are very much pleased with the neat typographical appearance of numbers 1 and 2 of "The Holiday Gazette," an octavo of eight pages issued from the printing office of the Western Pennsylvania Institution. From observation of the capacity of their little printing office, it is quite creditable to the instructor, Mr. Teegarden, that good taste and excellent workmanship has not been sacrificed in order to lengthen out the quantity of reading matter. The paper is filled choice selections that will instruct and entertain the pupils for whose sole benefit it is gotten up. Six numbers will be issued each year—one on each of the National holidays and one on Closing Day.

THE Sixth Annual Report of the Northern New York Institution has reached the JOURNAL office. There was an average attendance of seventy-eight pupils. Principal Rider is a strong advocate of the "Combined System." The new buildings which were first occupied during the past term, afford complete and commodious accommodations, and have first-class systems of heating and ventilation. Shoemaking, tailoring, dress-making, shirtmaking, plain sewing and gardening, are the industries taught. As soon as more room is secured, other industries will be added.

We have received the Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Annual Reports of the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and the Academy for the Blind. There have been enrolled during the two years covered 168 pupils, of whom 104 were deaf. The present Principal, Mr. J. H. Johnson, has been at the head of the Institute for thirty-two years—in fact was instrumental in founding the Institution. In the year 1867 a part of the buildings was devoted to the education of the Blind, but in 1887, a law was passed to have the blind educated apart from the deaf, and at the present time the blind and the deaf occupy separate premises and buildings half a mile apart, in Talladega, though they are governed by the same board of trustees.

An affecting tribute is paid to the memory of Captain James Benagh, one of the board of trustees, who died on October 28th, 1889.

THE Editor has received an invitation to attend the Masquerade Ball of the Chicago Pas-a-Pas Union, which will occur on February 14th, at the Palace Hotel in Chicago. We thank the members for their courtesy, but fear that the Windy City is not near enough to make it convenient to be present. The committee is chairmaned by Oscar H. Regensburg, the others being J. J. Kleinhaus, E. D. Hunter, F. P. Gibson, and our old friend and whilom New Yorker, Morton Sonneborn.

Among the excellent contributions in the *Annals* for the present quarter, the paper on "Visitors and their Views," by Miss Moffat, will strike an answering chord in the breasts of hundreds of long-suffering teachers, who will echo the query "What can be done with visitors?"

This question should be dealt with in a practical manner, and while all possible courtesy should be shown to visitors, the value of the time of the teacher and her pupils should be considered. To us it seems that since teaching is a work requiring the concentrated thought and attention of the instructor—who is employed to teach children and not to interest and condole with visitors—visitors when admitted to the class room should not be allowed to interfere with the teacher, the work going right on as though they were not present. A rule of this character, strictly enforced, would mean many precious moments to teachers and pupils, and the avoidance of much disagreeable experience.

ITEMIZER. BOSTON.

Abbreviated News Concerning Deaf-Mutes.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer*.

Mr. Albert Ballin with a lady friend saw "Cleopatra" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre the day before that playhouse was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Theophilus D'Estrella, of the California Institution, expects to cross the continent next summer and meet his friends in this city.

It is rumored that Mr. W. Lacy Waters, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be united in marriage to an estimable lady of the same city at no distant date.

Mr. George Homer's brother Peter's wife's sister's son, Mr. Mathews, is Mayor of Boston. Mr. Peter Homer was formerly Gov. Andrews' counselor in Boston.

Mrs. George Homer's niece, Miss Eva Swift, of Dallas, Tex., arrived from India, where she was the Superintendent of the various schools six years, instead of a lady missionary, who staid thirty years.

The Committee on Debates and Lectures of the Adelphi Literary Union call attention to change made in announcement for January 10th. A more than lively time may be expected by those who attend.

"The picnic under gas light" will be given in the Guild Room on Tuesday, January 13th, at 8 o'clock P. M., in aid of the Galaudet Home. Things will go lively and merry. Come, boys—and girls will look their prettiest just to please you! Remember the picnic.

Frank Cannon was educated at the Ohio Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, and lives at Newton Falls, Trumbull Co., Ohio. He first made baskets, and then became a fireman which position he has retained about one year. He receives good pay.

Sherman Skinner, a graduate at the Hartford (Conn) Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, is eighty-four years old, and lives at Johnsonville, Trumbull Co., Ohio. His fourth wife's maiden name was Catharine Calkins, a graduate of the Ohio Institution, and is sixty years old. Their health has been poor.

Miss Treat, of Maine, was at St. Mark's Church in Brooklyn January 4th, accompanied by an attendant from Europe, who came to America two months ago, although he has been in New York City several years before in another family unknown to her, and it was the first time Miss Treat has been to St. Mark's Church. She had a fine sleigh ride around the Park drawn by a span of horses.

A surprise party was held at the residence of Miss Schloss, of Brooklyn, on Christmas day, which was an enjoyed by all who attended it. After dancing, the young people started to play a number of games, one of them being "tailing the donkey." A collation was served, and participated in by all with pleasure. Among those present were Misses Schloss, Colligan, Isgan, Perry, Hafer, Brink, and others.

At the meeting of the State Teachers' Association in Jackson, Miss., on December 30th, the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institutions gave an interesting exhibition of the manner of their work. The association adopted a resolution, complimenting the management of these two excellent institutions on the thoroughness of their pupils' work and the patience and perseverance bestowed upon them.

A select party was held at the residence of Miss Woodside on Pennsylvania Avenue, Pittsburgh, on the 23d ult., the number being about ten deaf-mutes. To say that the affair was of a pleasant character, would be putting it mild. Your scribbler had been verbally asked to attend, nevertheless circumstances prevented his presence. Therefore, he can not give an account of the affair for the widely popular JOURNAL.

A surprise party was tendered to Mr. F. W. Hewitt on December 29th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kinney, No. 13 Bergen St., Newark, N. J. It was given to commemorate his twenty-eighth birthday, and proved to be a most enjoyable event. The evening was spent in dancing and recreation, and refreshments were served. H. Samuels gave an interesting series of entertainment, and about twenty-five different magic tricks were introduced. Among those present were Misses Mills and Sarah Finn, Messrs. Hewitt, Seavers, Sibitzky, Fribie, Carrol, Caldwell and his brother.

Miss Elizabeth (Lizzie) Sherlock, a deaf-mute, died in Rochester, on December 31st, 1890. She was graduated under Professors Van Nostrand, Bartlett, Pettigill and Dr. Peet, at the old Fiftieth Street Institute for Deaf-Mutes in New York City. She was 65 years old. She has lived in Rochester for more than half a century. She was once employed as nurse in Dr. Bache's family, one daughter of which was Mrs. H. D. Reeves, a deaf-mute lady of Brooklyn. Some of the old deaf-mutes living somewhere in this State and abroad, who went to school at the same time as Elizabeth Sherlock, will remember her.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Gaudenhutten, Yucasaw Co., O., on Tuesday, December 30th, by Rev. A. W. Mann, Mr. Robert Lobb, of Cleveland, O., and Miss Amelia Rees, both graduates of the Ohio Institution.

Death of Nye Brown.

Nye Brown, well known among the deaf-mutes throughout the State, and who was the first president of the Deaf-Mutes' Branch of the Y. M. C. A., died at his home, No. 322 East Jefferson Street, Monday, December 29th, 1890, aged 34 years. Mr. Brown was employed by H. H. Gray's Son for many years. He leaves a widow and one son. His funeral will be held from his late home at 2 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.—Syracuse, N. Y., Standard.

Review of 1890.

MR. JOHN T. TILLINGHAST'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Minor Notes.

(From our Boston Correspondent)

My wife's greeting me with "A Happy New Year," a few minutes after two o'clock Thursday morning reminded me that I have neglected to greet the Editor, brother-correspondents and readers of the JOURNAL in my last letter, but it is better to do so now than never, so I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and to the Editor personally, we appreciate his work during last year, in which he took pains to make the JOURNAL worthy of reading, and for his efforts we extend to him our sincere thanks, and our best wishes for his future success.

In looking back to the beginning of the old year, we find at the end that we had been prosperous with few exceptions.

The exceptions refer to the closing up of a butterine factory in Cambridgeport several times during the year, on account of the new laws, which affected two or three deaf-mute families, and the shortening of working hours in the car shops of two southern railroads, which deprive of two dollars and seventy-five cents each four married men. One of them claimed that he was not affected much by the reduction of wages so long as he has the place, because he would rather have a permanent place with small pay than to go out and look for a place, where he can get the most money for the least work. He had three years' experience outside, and found that going from place to place does not pay him so much as he gets now, but on the other hand, another fellow vowed that he would leave the Railroad Company at the first chance he gets and never work for a corporation again.

In regard to the societies here as well as in the vicinity, all are still alive, except the Ephphatha Club, which was disbanded three months ago.

In the first part of the year, at the advice of a lawyer, an attempt was made to get an old society reorganized by the drafting of the constitution, enrollment of members and election of officers, but on account of a misunderstanding by the party who insisted that another society of the same name be organized in case the officers of the old society refused to surrender, the Chairman refused to take the risk of running a society, to compete with another of the same title, so he withdrew his chairmanship, which ended the troubles, and the old society has been let alone.

The only society that has gained popularity from all the societies here on account of its neutrality, is the Mutual and Charitable Relief Society, which to-day has about fifty members. Many Mutual members have received benefits during sickness, while the ladies of the society have relieved many poor deaf-mutes who are non-members, with money, clothing, food, etc.

In reply to "Laurentius'" questions, Mr. J. T. Tillinghast, the head man of the Boston Deaf-Mute Society, gave a brief history of the society last year as follows:

The attendance has been good; we frequently had fifty present on a fair day. The Hartford professors have visited us twice a month, generally on the second and last Sundays. At other times, P. W. Packard, J. H. Marsh, Samuel Rowe and W. H. Goldsmith have officiated. The Bible Class has been well attended and led by Mrs. Wm. Lynde. Her health has not been very good, and when she was unable to be present, Wm. Lynde has taken her place. The remarks of the Hartford professors seem to have given the best satisfaction. On the occasion of Dr. E. M. Gallaudet's visit to the Gallaudet Society, October 26th, we closed our hall, and attended his service in a body as a mark of respect to him. His service was a very interesting one. Our lectures have been on different subjects by different parties, and the attendance depends much on who the lecturer is. No changes have yet been decided on for the coming year. The hall at 18 Essex Street has been occupied by them about ten years, the trustees paying the rent.

Although it is only five or six years old, the Gallaudet Society has progressed remarkably, having about forty members at present, with prospects of seven more new members at the annual meeting next Wednesday.

Among the best lecturers from whom the members and their friends have gained more knowledge, were Messrs. S. G. Davidson, of Phila., Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, Robert Docharty, E. W. Frisbie and A. W. Orcutt. Beside the lectures, they have had literary exercises once a month. The society intends to increase to two lectures a month this year. On Sundays, they have services in its rooms, and also a Bible Class led by members taking their turns. Mr. A. W. Orcutt leads the Bible Class in the Lynn Society, while Mr. Samuel Rowe, of Methuen, Mass., gave sermons occasionally, and Rev. Mr. John Chamberlain in the evening of the day he is in this city.

The Salem Society has moved to a better place, and its members have been enjoying themselves in the new quarters.

The Lowell Society has been disbanded, I suppose for want of a capable deaf-mute to act as manager. Mr. Finnerty wound up the old year with a fine of five dollars for assault and battery in the Municipal Court.

Mr. John T. Tillinghast had a narrow escape from death last Tuesday afternoon. He went out sleighing on a road where there was fast driving, and in some way his horse got frightened, dashed away along the road with the old man almost at its mercy, and after going half a mile knocking over one sleigh, he brought him up without any other damage to speak of, and nothing serious to prevent Mr. Tillinghast outliving the New Year, but his arms were stiff and sore on the next day. He has made up his mind to trade his horse off the first chance he gets.

On account of "Laurentius'" error in giving away Miss Flagg's surprise party in advance, her friends made preparations to keep her away from the JOURNAL till last Tuesday evening, when the party came off and she was really "surprised." About thirty-five, under the leadership of Mr. Ed. Duran, went in her parlor stealthily while Miss Flagg was at supper. She, expecting Mr. Duran, was called to the front door, and upon meeting him in the hall, she went in to light the parlor, which light was already put out, and after lighting it, she became frightened when she saw the party around in the room and asked who got up the party, to which every one replied "I." She was over with her fright when she took some overcoats to be hung in the hall, and upon opening the door, she was again frightened when confronted with a large crayon portrait of herself beautifully framed, and mounted on a black walnut case. The later was artistically made by Mr. Duran. The picture and frame was given by her friends, while the easel was given by Mr. Duran. A bountiful supper, consisting of ice cream, confectionery, nuts, figs and cakes, was furnished at the expense of Mr. Duran.

Mr. and Mrs. John Magee gave a crystal wedding party in their house on Dorchester Avenue last Thursday evening, to which about thirty persons were present. Most of the presents were not crystal, but of linen and cotton, which would be more useful to them than if all were glass. The evening was spent in various games, and all enjoyed it well.

The class of '76 at Clarke Institution, Northampton, seem to have caught a matrimonial fever, for the first one was married last June, and four others are reported to be engaged since, and the last one, if Dame Rumor is true, is Mr. Joseph C. Baker, but who his affianced is, we do not know.

Last Saturday evening, Mrs. M. Swett gave a party to her friends as a remembrance of their kindness shown her in the shape of a silver set about three years ago, in Beverly, and a large party from here attended. All of them reported a grand time.

Mr. F. W. Wood's father is a member of the firm "Wood, Pollard & Co.," which occupies one of the finest buildings in this city. It was illustrated in the Boston *Daily Globe* the other day.

Rev. Mr. P. W. Packard gave a lecture on "Romanist Possessions." It was a good and interesting lecture but sectarian. So say some of the Catholic friends of the Boston Society.

Chelsea has about twenty deaf-mutes, which is sufficient to make a society of their own.

Messrs. F. H. Clark and Abrams have been at home for nine days, on account of stock taking in their shop.

Misses Lucy and Nellie Swett spent their Christmas vacation in Haverhill.

Miss Jennie Abrams was present at the wedding of the daughter of Laurence Barrett last week, and came out with long yards about dresses, flowers etc.

LAURENTIUS.

Jan. 5, '91.

The Inter-marriage Question.

WITH A QUESTION AND A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

MR. EDITOR:—In Dr. Gallaudet's article to the *Science* reproduced in the *Journal*, he says: "I am perfectly aware that circumstances may rise, under which it becomes extremely difficult for a deaf person not to take a deaf partner." Now I would like to reverse the statement and ask Dr. Gallaudet, in his own language, if it is not also very true "that circumstances may arise under which it becomes extremely difficult for a deaf person not to take a hearing partner."

From my personal knowledge and observation, I am led to believe that the average hearing person would shrink at the mere mention of such a union. And I further believe that the ordinary hearing girl would rather marry a hearing man of questionable character than to wed the most upright deaf-mute.

In the first instance, she would comfort herself with the thought that she might reform him, but in the latter case, she fully realizes the situation and feels it most keenly.

Again I believe I am justified in giving a step further and state that very many hearing people would also as soon marry a half-breed as a deaf-mute. In this I may err. But be it as it may, I am positive that a

union between a deaf-mute and a hearing person of refined sentiment cannot be effected without the consciousness of great self-sacrifice on the part of the hearing.

Of course, some hearing people will marry almost anybody they can get, but the deaf are too sensitive to bite such bait. They want to wed their equals from an intellectual, social and moral standpoint, and if they fail to find their ideal from the hearing, they will more than likely seek such an one among their own class.

It has often been suggested that the deaf are reluctant to choose hearing partners—and this may be true in the main—but I think the hearing people are equally at fault, inasmuch as they too often ignore the attainments of the deaf, or undervalue their worth.

Yet, on the whole, I believe that not a small proportion of the deaf would take hearing partners in preference to deaf persons, were they met on an equal footing.

Dr. Gillet's admonition from Scripture: "Be ye not unequally yoked together," is suggestive and to the point. Still I do not approve of advocating unrestricted marriage among families having a tendency to deafness no more than I do of the inter-marriage of first cousins.

Moreover, I consider it a disgrace for any one to needlessly bring suffering upon humanity, when it is possible to avert it by marriage.

And for my own part, I shall go mighty shy of families predisposed to deafness.

G. W. P.

ILLINOIS.

The recent holidays are now a thing of the past, and will only be recalled to one's mind just as they were spent. Christmas day dawned upon us with a thin layer of snow, it appeared, much to our joy, in its white robe. News was received that there was snow one foot deep in the neighborhood of St. Louis. In the morning Christmas boxes and packages that had for the few preceding days been received from all the points of the compass in the State, and kept in the store, were distributed among the pupils to whom they were addressed. This was soon followed by the Christmas dinner, which received its usual notice. A social gathering held in the evening closed the festivities of the day. Its chief attraction was an athletic exhibition given under the direction of Mr. Fulton and Miss Farr, instructors of gymnastics. The programme consisted of a grand march and free gymnastics, the midgits, clubs, barwork, fancy clubs, mat-work, dumb-bells, fencing, pyramids, fancy-steps and high-jumping, in which over forty pupils, more or less, engaged. This exhibition over, social games were largely indulged in for an hour, when the children retired, wishing rather that they could have another hour to spend thus.

Most of the teachers and officers were kept quite busy during the holiday-week preparing for the costume entertainment which was given last Thursday evening. The list was an excellent one, showing thirty-eight characters representing the several nations of the world. A number of teachers took their substitutes from among the pupils. At half seven o'clock, those costumed marched into the dining hall in the following order:—

Mr. Scurluck, Uncle Sam, and Miss Ore, Columbia; Mr. Appleby, Hiawatha, and Miss Leyder, Minnehaha; Mr. Rogers, Mexican, and Miss Coates, Mexican woman; Misses Alma and Jennie Gillet, Chinese brides; Mr. Hammond, Esquiman, and Mrs. Howard, Arabian woman; Mr. Brown, Turkish Zouave, and Miss Conway, Persian woman; Miss Wilson, Greek Lady, and Miss Scott, Italian Girl; Joseph Gordon, Russian Peasant, and Miss Stutsman, Russian Woman; Mr. Molohon, Algerian Zouave, and Miss Viscol, Gipsy; Miss Becker, Swiss Woman, and Dela Crooks, Swiss Girl, (water carrier); Fred Stokes, French Boy, and Bee Matterson, Italian Girl; Mr. Smith, Dutchman, and Miss H. Wait, Dutchwoman; Mr. Erd, Highlander, and Miss Alexander, Old English Woman; Mr. Hauiline, Irishman, and Miss F. Wait, Swedish woman; Mr. Read, Jr., Quaker, and Miss Farr, Peasant Woman; Mr. Fulton, Falstaff, and Mr. Gillet, Spinster; Chas. Jones, African Dude, and Miss Frye, Topsy; Miss M. Wait, Ghost.

After marching about for a while, they took their seats in a row along the length of the hall, when the Wandering Jew (in the role of Father Time) leaning on the arm of Dr. Gillet, made a round of the hall. Then he spoke orally (?), Dr. Gillet interpreting, stating that he was the wandering Jew, and had been traveling about and around the world ever since the destruction of Jerusalem, visiting each nation of the world, and that he had brought some specimens from the several nations, whom he was now happy to introduce to the people present. Thereupon he mounted a table, and explained each costume. Those in costume were allowed to go about for a while, and after unmasking, indulged in the old-fashioned Virginia reel. The greatest centre of attraction lay in the spinster, whose character M. Gillet did not at all fail in delineating in his voice, manners, movements and conversation. Hiawatha, with his tom-tom and club, would repeatedly frighten and chase her about the room, and would run about as though for life, and shriek just like a frightened woman. Then she would smile upon some people, turn away with a scornful expression in her face at an un-

comely peak, and, in short, express herself in various possible ways as a spinster would. Mr. Smith made a good Dutchman, and his partner, too, Falstaff promptly used his gallantry, whenever the spinster needed protection, as from the wild Indian. The Mexican costume came from the country which it represented, and also some of the other costumes came from their respective countries. On all sides the entertainment was a pronounced success. A large number of citizens witnessed it.

Dr. Gillet is in Chicago, and he will interpret for the deaf people Dr. Fawcett's sermon to-morrow afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Read goes to St. Louis to-morrow.

Mr. Walker, of Olathe, Kan., has been in town. He was present at the fancy dress affair, and yesterday made a round of the literary department.

Mr. Regensburg was here Christmas and for several days, engaged in taking views about the Institution. Several made group were teachers, foot-ball team, girls' C. E. societies. He entertained both societies with a thirty-minute lecture upon Charlotte Corday, Friday evening of last week.

Rev. Mr. Cloud and Mr. Kerney were present at the Christmas social, and the latter left for Decatur in the morning, and the other Saturday afternoon.

The missionary branch of the girls' C. E. Society held a bazaar in the library and lyceum on December 19th, and 20th, selling fancy articles that some of the girls had made for the occasion, and also some that were received from the graduates. It was a financial success.

The Young America Society will be offered during this quarter, by President Molohon, Vice-President Towne, Secretary Rogers, Treasurer Zollinger, and Critic Hasenstab. The society has appointed a committee of five to revise its constitution and by-laws. It has been governed by the constitution that was adopted by the literary society at Kendall Green.

The Bryant Literary Union met with Mrs. Woods last Tuesday evening. Miss Peck led the meeting upon the subject of Dante, and then Mr. Hasenstab recited the third canto of *Inferno*; Mrs. Woods, the tenth canto of *Purgatorio*, and Mrs. Waddell the twenty-third canto of *Paradiso*.

Miss Sheridan will lecture Friday evening before the Societies. This will be the fourth in this year's course of thirteen lectures.

Mr. Brimble, of Chicago, spent his holidays in the city.

Lastly, but not least, a happy and prosperous New Year to your readers.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., Jan. 3, '91.

Edgewoodville, Pa.

Miss Fannie L. Howells, our articulation teacher for the past five years, has been compelled, on account of a lame leg, to relinquish her position. She had been granted leave of absence before the close of school last June, and the time had been extended in the fall, but, as her health did not improve, and she was still compelled to go about on crutches, she sent in her resignation. Her friends here are sincerely grieved that she will thus remain away permanently. She had endeavored herself to all by her gentle, refined manners, and evident interest in those about her. As an advocate of articulation, she was enthusiastic in her work and stood up for her avocation with an energy that boded disaster to those who dared to ridicule or belittle it in her presence. We trust she may, yet, be restored to health and enjoy many miles of unaided and unpaired walk.

Miss Littlefield, of Boston, has been appointed as Miss Howells' successor, and entered immediately upon her duties. She has had previous experience in Washington with Prof. Bell, in Boston, Canada, and Scotland.

Miss Grace Rose, who had been acting in the capacity of substitute since last September, has been, we are glad to note, appointed to a permanent position. Judging by the past, we predict for her a successful future.

The New Year's entertainment, consisting of pantomime and tableaux, passed off very successfully, indeed, and the participants covered themselves with glory—soot and paint. They have been so much encouraged that they hope to produce something from the immortal Shakespeare the next time they venture. They certainly deserve credit for their untiring energy and enthusiasm for the benefit of others.

Mr. Wentz, formerly of the Ohio Institution, is visiting the school under the protecting wing of his friend and former co-laborer, Mr. Downing. We hope he will take away with him favorable impressions of the institution and surroundings.

St. Mary's Church.

ALEXANDER AVENUE AND 142D ST.

Deaf-mutes are invited to attend service at 7:30 P. M. on Sunday, January 11th. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet will interpret.

BORN.

Born to the wife of Mr. H. C. White, at Salt Lake City, on December 15th, 1890, a daughter.

A CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY.

It has been the custom for years to celebrate the advents of the holidays by giving a Christmas Tree entertainment at the rooms of the Brooklyn Society of Deaf-Mutes. With a special invitation to our friend, Santa Claus, to partake of its hospitalities and assist in distributing the odds and ends of the things left over from his last rounds.

The Society not being in existence this winter, and not wishing to allow so enjoyable a time to pass by on that account, our generous friend, Mr. H. L. Juhring, offered the use of his spacious residence for the purpose, thus the scene of festivities was transferred to a more congenial and refined circle with the same joyous and eager participants.

A large evergreen tree was planted in the back parlor, completely decorated with pretty things and elaborate lace curtains for a background, which presented a very gorgeous spectacle.

The fun began early in the afternoon, until it was time to light the myriads of tiny candles. When the old man, whose full name is J. Wilkinson, Santa Claus, mounted a high stool, doffed his fur cap, stroked his beard, began to recite some of his adventures in diving and emerging from the million and one chimeys, and remarked that the work was less arduous than in years gone by, as he took advantage of the numerous elevators now in use. As all expectant eyes were on him, he was compelled to be more impartial in distributing the presents than he would have been under the friendly cover of a dark night. Every one received a handsome and useful article to take home as reminder of this pleasant occasion.

The rest of the evening was passed in various forms of innocent amusement dear to the heart of the deaf-mute society.

A committee of three was appointed as judges to award a prize to the most graceful dancer. The contestants were Misses Hatch, Herrieh, Smith, and Welch. They all did so well that each were complimented with a present. Then Mr. Whalen, a famous deaf-mute dancer, sailed forth into the maze of fancy dancing, while Miss Lizzie Foland sat at the parlor organ and with her nimble fingers successfully led him through those intricate evolutions, amid hearty applause.

A large share of the delicacies of the Christmastide graced the sumptuous collation, which wound up the evening's entertainment.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jans and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Welsh and daughters, Mrs. Hegemann and son, Mrs. Ryer, the Misses "Babie" Foland, Retie Smith, Gantz, L. Smith, Peterson, Henry, Reller, Treat, of Maine; Hatch, Herrieh and sister, Longshanen and Kugeler, Messrs. Schnakenberg, Thompson, Eschert, Samuels, Bentel, Waters, Peak, Whalen, Alexander, Haight, Greis, Green, Senior and others.

PLUM DUFF.

CONNECTICUT.

A few of the many friends of Mrs. M. W. Seaman gave her a very pleasant surprise in the evening of December 25th, at their home on 75 Arctic Street, East Bridgeport, the occasion being her ——— birthday (I forget the age). The party was arranged by a young lady. The guests were royally entertained. During the evening, several interesting and funny stories and games were nicely rendered. After ten o'clock, all partook of a bountiful spread. After this, Mrs. Seaman entertained the company, showing a large number of presents from her relatives and friends out of town. Among those who enjoyed Mrs. Seaman's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Beers and their son Olly, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Marshall, Miss Edith Marshall, Bertie Marshall and her brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Woolever, John Muth and others, of Bridgeport; R. D. Livingstone, of Milford, and others from out of town. At midnight, the party broke up, and all the guests expressed their fervent desire that the hostess might live to see many happy returns of the day.

A sociable was formed in the mansion of Miss Johnson on Courtlandt Street, Bridgeport, in the second week of December. The lady could not visit any friend of hers, on account of rheumatism, and the people desired to see her once more. The lady seemed to enjoy the company very much. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Beers, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Marshall and brother, John Muth, Mr. Woolever, R. D. Livingstone, Miss Amelia Pond and others.

John Muth is away on a three weeks' tour, and we hope that he enjoys visiting old friends.

A fine gold watch on Christmas was presented to Miss Edith Marshall by her beloved parents.

William Cook has returned from two weeks' visit in New York.

W. D. Munger, of Worcester, Mass., made a flying visit to his father in Bridgeport, recently.

Mrs. R. J. Martling, of Greenwich, paid her annual Christmas visit to her relatives in New Haven.

A swollen foot prevented R. D. Livingstone's departure for New York last week, to witness the play at Dr. Peet's School.

NEMO.

NEW YORK.

New Year's Day Observance.

A DEBATE WORTH SEEING.

The Proteans Play, and the M. L. A. Lecture.

(From our New York Correspondent.)

New Year's Day did not bring with it the elements that lead one to feel he is happy with himself, you and the world in general. Particularly so, with those whose business or pleasure called them out-doors. A layer of half-frozen snow and sleet covered the ground. Drizzling rain, with short intervals of cessation, added to the depression, and it was just cold enough to bring to one's mind a possible recurrence of the grip of the year before.

Still, this condition of things failed to dampen the enthusiasts bent on the time-honored custom of making and receiving New Year's calls.

Open house was the rule in a large number of cases, despite the fact, that custom is perceptibly dying out. "At Home" cards were issued in some instances, and the lists of engagements were as numerous as in former years.

The theatre was the attraction for a large number, while a good many more passed the first day of 1891 on the sofa asleep, or alongside a cosy fire reading some interesting piece of literature.

Among our deaf-mute friends who adhered to the custom of receiving New Year callers, might be mentioned Mrs. James F. Donnelly, of Brooklyn, who was assisted by Miss Bella Gardiner, Mrs. J. P. Mahoney, Miss Maggie Gardiner, and Miss Kate Donnelly.

The Misses Lena Lungwitz and Sarah Sturmwald, of Brooklyn, also received a goodly number of callers at the former lady's house.

The Misses Lulu, Minnie, and Helen Housel, of Newark, N. J., received the cards and compliments of Mr. Fred. Peak and party of friends from New York.

Mrs. P. A. Campbell, assisted by Miss Sarah Stein, were the recipients of upwards of thirty gentlemen callers during the day.

Miss Carrie Harth and Miss Annie Harth received at their home, and entertained a large number of the deaf-mute friends of their brother, Robert.

The Mayor, and the new heads of the various city departments, were present in their offices, and received the congratulations and exchanged the compliments of the day with a large number of political friends.

Justice Henry M. Goldfogle, brother of Alexander, our deaf-mute friend, kept open house, and shook hands with all who called to wish him a Happy New Year. Among the latter were P. A. Campbell, and Wm. Frey, who were surprised at the way the judge could converse by the single-handed alphabet.

"Uncle Jim" O'Neil and his namesake, Jim Mahoney, set out with a long list of engagements. It took them all the first and second day of the new year to conclude their list. On the way home, both dropped a nickel in the letter box on a lamp-post, with the conviction they were dropping it in a fare box on a bobtail car. If nobody else did, the two Jims of Brooklyn enjoyed New Year's calling.

A friend of Tilson Haight's made an engagement to meet him at a certain hour, and at such a place. Tilson's resolve to be on time was kept. His friend, however, began the new year by a bad precedent in failing to keep his appointment. So it often happens at New Year's time.

The day was a pleasant one for Miss Rose Williamson. It ushered in the birthday of her father. The occasion was made more pleasant by a social reunion tendered Mr. Williamson, at his home, on East 16th Street, in the evening. Among the deaf-mutes who helped make merry, were Mr. Peter Buttery, Miss Annie Ryan, and Mr. D. J. Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Minihan.

The poetic form of Charley LeClerc flew over the icy surface of a hill up on Washington Heights. He was "bobbing," he says, and with him were Miss Lou. Schreiber and party of friends. It was better than calling.

The Fanwood Social Club divided into parties of six. One of these was headed by Capt. Kircher, and they were Louis Morris, Max Koehler, Ike Brockman, and Fred. Goldland. They started from Harlem, wound up somewhere over on Brooklyn Heights. At each stop, they whooped it up for the ball on the 28th.

Fred. Meinken donned his cape coat. In it, you would not think he could go a hundred yards in eleven seconds. But he can. His engagements were restricted to a half dozen, and the last was by far the one he fixed his hopes on.

There was a good representation of the city deaf-mute residents at the Proteans' Entertainment on the 3d

inst. There might or should have been more, but the reason cannot be accounted for. The play was well rendered, considering it was planned and conducted by the boys themselves. Frank Stryker's impersonation of the principal female character was such as to make one feel like falling in love with him, and his maid, Frank Turner, acted the part creditably. The honors were carried off for acting, however, by Billy Coombs as the cadet, Dick Tweed as the duke, and Archie Baxter, as a notorious character. Pat. Gately's strut as a butler, had a taste of his walk to first base, when he is given his base on balls. The "hayseed," by H. F. M. Pace, was fairly well done, and Henry Bettels, fat man, was good, excepting his proportions were confined chiefly to his legs. The bootblack, by Martin Glynn, the messenger boy, by Johnny Hogan, and the cop, by W. Watson, were good for the time they were on the stage. Mr. Vernon's "landlord" savored of dignity, and the scene, where the title of the play, "My turn next, or poisoned," comes out, was, by all odds, the best of the two that preceded it.

In all likelihood, the announcement made by the Adelphi Literary Union will prove of exceptional interest. As their advertisement says, it occurs on the 10th of January, which happens to be this Saturday evening. Inquiry as to who will debate the interesting question, reveals the names of Messrs. E. A. Hodgson, A. Ballin and A. Ekardt, in favor of the affirmative side, and Messrs. Thos. F. Fox, John Wilkinson, and John Nally, in support of the negative. That would seem to indicate the Union has taken unto itself the endeavor to make its entertainments worthy the patronage of all deaf-mutes who wish to be instructed as well as entertained. It is hardly probable more able representatives of the art of debating could be found in the vicinity or a good ways out of it. It will be a clash of weighty arguments well worth coming a long way to see. Both sides will meet foemen worthy of their steel, and the debate itself will be judged by three gentlemen fully capable of the duty assigned them. We are informed, unless circumstances say otherwise, the judges will be Messrs. Theo. A. Froehlich, Jas. F. Donnelly, and A. Barnes. If you care to witness some real and lively discussion, attend the debate, and have your friend attend with you. Tickets obtained at the door. On the same evening, the recently-elected officers of the Union assume their duties for the first time. They are: President, Wm. G. Powell; Vice-President, Thomas Tighe; Secretary, John F. O'Brien, Treasurer, Peter Buttery.

There should be a large audience present when Prof. Weston Jenkins comes to New York, to lecture before the Manhattan Literary Association. That happens on the 22d. Mr. Jenkins' ability as a sign-maker is well and favorably known, and the nature of his subjects, whenever he delivers a lecture, are always on some topic that can only, in his hands, be made interesting. If the societies who meet on that evening, would adjourn or postpone their sessions, and attend the lecture in a body, they would be showing their appreciation of a lecture that will be instructing as well as interesting.

President LeClerc, of the M. L. A., is now a member of the Union League Club. There is an inkling that some pretty lively times will prevail hereafter at the club's meetings, and when February ushers in the election, there is a prospect the proceedings will be more than vigorous. Twenty-six members are on the roll of the club, and another excursion is just now agitating the club's thoughts.

MONTAGUE TIGG.

HAMILTON, ONT.

The divine services for deaf-mutes are held in the Baptist Church every Sunday, at 3 p.m. Mr. Jefferson, of Toronto, preached last Sunday, and will give another sermon next Sunday.

Mr. Feast, who has a sister and brother, who are deaf-mutes, deserves our best thanks for conducting the missions on Hamilton, and also for taking an interest in the welfare of the deaf-mutes. He is pleased Mr. Jefferson is assisting him for two more weeks before going further west.

A beautiful large lamp with glass ornaments was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Jones last week, on their wedding anniversary by the deaf-mutes of Hamilton, and they were treated to a grand supper.

On Christmas evening, an oyster supper was given to the deaf-mutes by Mr. Jefferson, and there was a dance. A celebrated fiddler gave his services and stamped the floor with his foot according to the time of the fiddle, and he declared all were good dancers.

A deaf-mute named Mr. Graham was in police court for drunkenness. He was forgiven with a caution. There was a laugh, when the judge spoke to him, and one of the policeman told the judge he was a "dummy," and that he could talk by the dumb alphabet and interpreted for him.

Misses Harnes and Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Toronto, were visitors here on Christmas Day.

Mr. Feast was presented with two beautiful books by his deaf-mute friends on Christmas Day.

ONTARIO INSTITUTION.

AVERAGE WINTER WEATHER—A SAD AFFLICTION—THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS—A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

We have been enjoying some real winter weather. The air has been frosty, the atmosphere pure and the sleighing fair. More snow is needed to complete the pleasure.

Miss Edith Terrill, a teacher in the McKay Institution at Montreal, spent Christmas week with her mother and friends here. She prefers the dry, bracing climate of Canada to the more damp and unhealthy atmosphere further south, even in midwinter.

The boys have not realized as much solid comfort from ice-boating and skating as they anticipated. The ice on the Bay of Quinte, thus far, has been rough and treacherous. They are waiting patiently for the proverbial "January thaw," which will level obstructions and improve the situation.

Mr. Wm. Nurse, foreman of the shoeshop, has the heartfelt sympathy of all who know him in the great affliction that has clouded his once happy home. His eldest child, a bright winsome girl of three years and six months, died on the 23d of December after a brief illness, with membranous croup. She was the light and life of his home, and her death, just before Christmas, brought sorrow on that day of festive history. All at the Institution felt a share of this sorrow, and expressed their sympathy in a tangible way. To Mrs. Nurse, especially, the death of little Mabel was a great bereavement. But there is this consolation: "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

The promised pantomime for Christmas evening did not materialize. The preparations were completed, and all the participants knew well the parts they were to act, but the visit of the King of Terrors to Mr. Nurse's household caused a postponement of the performance. It will be given at a later date, when we are promised some novel and interesting characters in pantomimic exhibition.

The Institution was admirably decorated for Christmas. The loads of evergreens—cedar, pine, spruce and balsam, to which reference was made in a previous communication, had been used to good advantage. Wreaths and crowns were artistically formed, and these, with graceful festoons from pillar to post, and from base to ceiling, made the principal rooms and halls wear a cheerful and inviting appearance. The large dining-room and the girls' sitting-room were especially conspicuous for beauty and cheer. The matron and boys' supervisor, upon whom the chief responsibility of the decorations devolved, performed their duties well, and deserve much credit for what they accomplished.

We have no holidays at Christmas, except Christmas Day itself. The bells rang for chapel services half an hour earlier than usual on Wednesday, the 24th, in the afternoon, and the duller light in the crowd that filed into that room knew it was a prelude to further relaxation from study. The superintendent and teachers made the usual ante-Christmas remarks, and the usual salutations and good wishes were exchanged, and then the pupils were given permission to skate and sail until tea time. On Christmas morning, there were many expectant faces and anxious inquiries, because some one had seen piles of boxes and parcels in a room that was carefully guarded with lock and key. The pupils were entertained in the chapel for half an hour, while preparations were being made for the distribution of Christmas cheer in the spacious room at the west end of the building. Then the general muster took place, and when all had found their waiting seat the sight was one to gratify the heart of any person with faith in the mission of Christ. In the centre of the room a large dais had been erected, upon which were piled a motley collection of boxes, parcels, books, cards, etc. The superintendent made the distribution, teachers and officers assisting in the work. As usual, the Government had very generously donated a sum of money for the purchase of books for the pupils, and this had been wisely expended for the purpose indicated. Not one of the two hundred and sixty-two pupils had been omitted in this Christmas cheer. The parents and friends of the children supplemented the Government's generosity with gifts from home, some of them being of a miscellaneous and interesting nature. A sumptuous dinner of roast turkey, goose and chickens, with rich pudding and other delicacies, completed the first part of the day's programme. The afternoon was devoted to social pleasures, skating, and other outdoor amusements. In the evening a party was held in the dining-room, when three hours were merrily consumed with games, plays and promenades. Before separating, bags containing candies, nuts, apples, oranges, etc., were distributed among the children, and then all retired to dream about Santa Claus, and other less agreeable things.

Notices.

The Rev. Dr. Thos. Gallaudet will hold a service for the deaf on Friday evening, January 16th, at 7:30, at St. James Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Residents of Newark, N. J., and vicinity, are invited to Trinity Church, next Sunday afternoon, January 11th, at three.

In Booming Virginia.

THE SAME OLD STORY—THE XMAS PROGRAMME—AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL—FROM TEXAS—SWEARING OFF—ETC.

As the Christmas and New Year's holidays are about over and every body concerned is satisfied, we have again determined to "grind out" something for the JOURNAL.

The holidays were very quiet—in truth, unusually quiet—but this can be accounted for some. The snow of a week previous was all a "slush" and as soon as Kriss Kringle had finished making his annual rounds, it commenced snowing again, and kept on all Christmas day and part of the next. At the Institution the day was very quiet, as far as we can learn, though we have not heard how the time was passed away. Anyway we are sure that the pupils had a jolly good time at the several societies that are customary there during the holiday season. The small boy, of course, had a good deal of pleasure popping pop-crackers and eating the sweets that Santa left—and I reckon, at the Institution, several of the small boys wound up the day by getting their names on the much-shunned "black list."—(I speak from experience.)

We do not know how many of the ex-pupils were at the school during the holidays, but from what we have heard so far, we judge there were several, and all had a good time. The "scribe" spent his holiday of a week's duration, at his home in the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley, it being the first he had spent there for seven years. Of course he enjoyed it.

Friday night last, January 2d, as we had just finished devouring the contents of the last JOURNAL and stepped out upon the street, we espied Rev. Job Turner on the other side of the thoroughfare, pursuing his way to his son's home in the western part of the city. He had just arrived on the 6 p.m. R. & D. R. train from Texas. He says he crossed over the Rio Grande and touched Mexican soil—the home of the "greasers"—and was within eight hundred miles of the City of Mexico. He then started north, and after several days' journeying, reached here Friday night. He talks in glowing terms of the warm climate down in Texas, and after a week's sojourn here he may again wend his way further South. He is looking hale and hearty.

Several excursion trains passed here early Christmas morning en route for Washington City. Our old friend, Ray Cone, spent the day there. Among those whom he met were Misses Mankin, King, Atchison and Jennie M. Barrow, of Farmville, who is on a visit to Miss Mankin. Of course, this unusual treat of a bevy of smiling school girls had much to do with drawing several young gentlemen there also. All of the above young ladies are graduates of the Institution at Staunton.

The Goodson Gazette, the Institution journal, seems to be somewhat under the weather. It has not turned up for a good long month. By the way, this reminds us that there are altogether too many "devils" in its office now. The last issue we received was a month behind time. It contained a lengthy letter from that talented young journalist, Mr. Robert Bell, of the Alexandria Gazette. Mr. Bell must have gotten somewhat out of temper at the office "devil," (the Goodson's we mean,) when he read his letter in different parts of the paper. Reckon he wonders which way the fellow who made up the form stood—on his head or on his feet. By the way, this also reminds us of the appearance of our letter in the Goodson several weeks ago. We beg to inform the public, at least the Institution public, that we made no attempt at using Chinese dialect—*ee, ee, ee*, and so on, as several words in our *epistle* were spelt as though we were practicing their language and preparing to offer our services to the Foreign Missionary Society.

"Have you 'sworn off'?" is generally the question put to well-known old sinners in almost every town hereabouts. The fellow who ventures to shoot the foregoing question at another, generally gets something like this in answer: "Wall, no; but I've kinder 'sworn in'!" And in our humble opinion we believe that "swearing off" at the close of every old year is getting out of fashion, just like New Year calls are no longer considered fashionable. Anyway, we should all try to improve every thing during the already here new year.

The weather down this way has also been somewhat out of fashion. The "beautiful" comes all at once half a dozen inches deep, and as soon as a fellow commences "sleighing" his girl, it is all *slush*, and in a few hours is numbered among things of the past, then next day it grows warmer, and the day following we have another of the "beautiful," and, of course, the young fellow commences the sadly interrupted programme of "two days ago," and is generally "fooled" again.

RITTER.

FRONT ROYAL, VA., Jan. 4, '91.

Rev. Mr. Orris Dantzer's Appointments.

Sunday, January 11th—2:30 p.m., Zion's, Rome.

Monday, January 12th—7:30 p.m., St. Paul's, Syracuse.

Friday, January 16th—St. Peter's, Geneva.

Sunday, January 18th—3 p.m., St. Luke's, Rochester.

Sunday, January 25th—3 p.m., St. James, Buffalo, N. Y.

COLUMBUS.

Two Hearts that Beat as One.

A JOYFUL MEETING.

(From our Columbus Correspondent.)

Cupid let fly another arrow from his bow on the 26th inst., and the result is two more hearts beat as one, the victims being Mr. Frank R. Brown, of Middletown, Grange County, O., and Miss Dela Koonz, formerly of Knox County. They were united in marriage by Benj. Talbot on the evening of the above date in the library room of the Institution, before a large concourse of visitors. The next day they departed for the house of the groom, he having a house and everything furnished previously. It was the intention to have the wedding occur on Christmas Day, but "there is many as lip." When the Courthouse was reached, it was found that its doors were locked, and hence no license could not be obtained. The friends of the two all wish a prosperous and happy life.

Mr. Willie Rose is back from a visit to Washington, D. C., whither he went to spend the holidays with his parents. His father is employed in the Treasury building as watchman. He reports as being greatly delighted with his visit and especially of Uncle Sam's public buildings, not leaving out the big shaft erected to the memory of the Father of his country.

Over two hundred boxes and packages were received by pupils by express alone during Christmas and New Year weeks. Counting parcels received by mail, it is safe to say that fudy three-fourths of the pupils were remembered by parents from home.

Miss Alma Moore, who, since her graduation in 1889, has been connected with the *Woman's News*, of Urbana, O., was shaking hands with her friends in the Institution, Wednesday afternoon.

A service for the deaf at the First Baptist Church, this city, was held last Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. J. Ernst Pershing, of Springfield, O. Mr. Pershing will not hold any more meetings here, as the field is already well supplied with regular services at the Institution, and those interpreted at the Broad Street Methodist Church and at Trinity.

Probably another cause for the limited attendance at Mr. Pershing's meetings is the fact that when he first began to preach to the deaf, he reflected rather severely upon all the denominations, except his own, and as his hearers were mostly of opposite religions, they naturally felt-offended and, as a consequence, have remained away from his meetings. It was a great mistake on his part, and no one regrets it now more than himself.

Mr. Joseph Leib was wearing a smile a yard wide all last week. When asked the cause of it, it was with difficulty he could stop long enough to say that another daughter had come to burden his cares. The arrival was on the 23d ult.

Miss Gracie Rose, recently appointed to a permanent position as teacher in the Western Pennsylvania Institution, is spending a few days here with her mother, the matron of our Institution.

Stepping into the library room, New Year's evening, we were confronted unexpectedly by Miss Emma Burrell, and thereby hangs a tale:

Twenty odd years or more, when she was a mere child, her mother died, and she was adopted by her grandfather—her father meanwhile having gone to other parts of the country for reasons best known to himself. Time passed on. Emma lost her hearing, was sent to the Institution here, graduated and has since been earning her livelihood at housework in several families. Last summer she went to Clyde, this State, to work for a family. On Monday last a telegram reached her from this city, requesting her to come down here and signed by her father. She reached Columbus early Thursday morning, and the meeting between long separated father and daughter can be better imagined than described. Emma says it was the happiest New Year's Day she has spent in her life, and we believe it. Her father, after leaving his home in Clyde, went to Michigan, where he has all this time been in the lumber business. Being in Columbus, recently he was informed of his daughter being in the city, and made inquiry after her. Learning that she was up in Clyde, he telegraphed her with the above result. Miss Burrell expects to join him at his home in Michigan in February or March.

New Year's Day was ushered in here in a most disagreeable manner, a foggy atmosphere, a temperature that would have done well for April, and a rain that with slight intervals came down most of the day. There was certainly nothing to inspire one with the thought of "A Happy New year." Nevertheless the inmates of the Institution had the last four words at their fingers' ends, or to be more to the point, of a "H. N. Y." to everybody they met, old or young, big or little, rich or poor. The observance of the day was like all such in former years. Chapel exercises were conducted by Principal Patterson at 9:45 a.m., dinner came at one o'clock with a bill of fare of oyster soup, mashed potatoes, slaw, coffee, pie, etc., and this was supplemented at half past five o'clock with oranges, doughnuts, bananas, tea, bread and butter. From seven to nine the attractions were in the

play rooms and girls' study room in the shape of a social for the pupils, in which the teachers assisted to help time pass pleasantly with games. Friday morning found the school work going on as usual.

It was intended to give an entertainment in the chapel, for which a committee had been appointed, but for obvious reasons it was deemed best to omit it, and substituted a social gathering, which proved as enjoyable as anything else.

The State Board of Teachers' Examiners was in session in Columbus this week, and Superintendent Knott, who is a member, was chosen Treasurer of the Committee. Jan. 8, '91.

Delavan, Wis.

Christmas has come and gone. It was the best day so far this year, for the hearts of every one were gladdened by the kind remembrances from their kind parents in sending them most welcome presents and gifts. The day was duly observed in this school. After having our usual breakfast, we proceeded to the chapel, where, lo! there stood a fine big tree lighted up all around with wax candles, and beautifully decorated with presents of every description, in the center of the room, around which were many rows of chairs where the children sat. Near the tree was a big pile of boxes of all sizes, from our dear folks at home, which Mr. Swiler, our superintendent, ably assisted by most all of the officers, distributed among the pupils. After receiving our presents, we were dismissed. The day was most enjoyably spent by all. Some indulged in skating on Lake Como, where we were fortunate in having fine smooth ice, while others engaged in various sports. The day was most delightfully closed with a party in the chapel, which lasted two hours.

Miss Ruth Swiler, from Oberlin College, and Mr. George Swiler from Beloit College, spent the holidays at home with our Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Badger were overjoyed by the late arrival of a Christmas present—a son, Saturday, the 27th. Heartly congratulations! Both are doing well at the present. Mr. Badger is the estimable foreman of the Wisconsin Deaf-Mute Times.

Messrs. P. Engelhardt and L.H. Bushnell, both deaf gentlemen, made a flying trip up here recently on business matters in relation to the next reunion of the Wisconsin Alumni Association. After having a conference with Supt. Swiler, they gave notice through the *Times* that the reunion would be held at Delavan, commencing June 13th, and continue till the 18th. As the Board of Supervision of this school have kindly tendered entertainment to all members of the association during the session, it is confidently expected that fully two hundred visitors will be present—an unusually large attendance.

Miss Nellie Ward, '90, of Racine, Wis., spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. Riley at St. Paul, Minn.

Bernard Gallagan, '91, was called home by a telegram announcing the severe illness of his father and mother. He deserves our heartfelt sympathy, and we sincerely hope he will be able to resume his studies soon.

Miss Eva Cutler, our estimable art teacher, was taken very sick recently, and called her mother down to nurse her till she improved enough to go home for a little while. We hope she will be able to take up her duties again soon.

In a press dispatch to the *Evening Wisconsin* of Milwaukee recently, we were pained to learn that A. W. Riggs, who used to be a pupil in this school among the seventies, was fearfully cut in the stomach with an axe by a companion named Gray at Iron Mountain, Mich., when both were intoxicated. It is thought that he will die from the effects of his injuries.

Rumor had it lately among us to the effect that Mr. Arthur Huebner, of Milwaukee, made Miss Annie Wilderman, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., a pleasant visit for a few days, and that there will be a wedding in the near future. Best wishes and success are extended to both, should the report prove true.

We were agreeably entertained Saturday night with a shadow and open pantomime. The first part was shadow, while the second and third parts were open, the latter being of the minstrel order. It was very interesting and amusing, and showed that Prof. J. Schuyler Long took great pains to make it as attractive as his ability permitted, ably assisted by several of the pupils. The program is appended here:

PART I.

1. Single Blessedness vs. Matrimony.
2. Hospital Practice.
3. Two of a kind.

PART II.

4. Fishin' Jimmy.
5. "All's well that ends well."

PART III.

6. The African Serenaders.
7. Going to the Fair.
8. Quartet—"Swanee River."
9. An old Plantation scene.
10. "The way of the Transgressor is hard."
11. Closing remarks.
12. A Happy New Year to all.

YAM.

DELAVAN, Dec. 30, 1890.

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

Jan. 7.—Cleveland, 8 p.m. Reception.

" 11.—Cleveland, 4 p.m.

" 17.—St. Louis.

" 18.—St. Louis, 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

" 18.—St. Louis, 3 p.m. Evening Prayer.

" 25.—Indianapolis, 9 a.m.

" 25.—Indianapolis, 4 p.m. Christ Church.

The Sewing Circle.

TO AID THE GALLAUDET HOME.

DEAR EDITOR:—Be kind enough to publish a list of the members of the "Sewing Circle," of the Gallaudet Home Fair, in the JOURNAL. I do hope that there will be a good many other ladies following their example by joining the Circle.

Mrs. Thomas Gallaudet,	New York.
Mrs. E. H. Currier,	"
Mrs. W. O. Fitzgerald,	"
Mrs. James Lewis,	"
Mrs. H. J. Haight,	"
Mrs. A. A. Barnes,	"
Mrs. John Carlin,	"
Mrs. Sarah Ship,	Jersey City.
Mrs. Walter McDougal,	"
Mrs. E. A. Hodgson,	New York.
Mrs. E. V. Brown,	"
Mrs. T. F. Fox,	"
Miss Sarah Howard,	East Orange, N. J.
Mrs. L. McClelland,	"
Miss Lillie M. Price,	Brooklyn.
Miss Jetter,	New York.
Mrs. W. Buhle,	"
Mrs. L. Nelson,	Poughkeepsie,
Mrs. L. N. Soper,	New York.
Miss Alice Harnish,	"
Miss Margaret Ryer,	"
Miss Roller,	Brooklyn.
Miss Gertrude Hervey,	New York.
Mrs. Geo. H. Witschiel,	Brooklyn.
Miss P. Strahle,	New York.
Miss S. Stein,	"
Miss Solomon,	Staten Island.
Miss Tillie Herrlich,	New York.
Miss Kate Blauvelt,	"
Mrs. E. Souweine,	Brooklyn.
Miss F. C. Hawkins,	Trenton, N. J.
Mrs. Frank Roberts,	New York.
Miss P. Lewis,	"
Miss Nettie Bothner,	"
Mrs. T. L. Lounsbury,	Brooklyn.
Mrs. R. P. Pearson,	"
Mrs. Ella Doran,	Syracuse.
Mrs. Van Allen,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Barton,	Sing Sing,
Mrs. Leary,	Tarrytown.
Miss Madden,	New York.
Miss Frankie Day,	Fort Edwards.
Mrs. Henry L. Juhring,	Brooklyn.
Mrs. Margaret,	"
Mrs. J. Williamson,	Gravesend, L. I.
Miss Lillie Barker,	New York.

Very Respectfully Yours,
Mrs. E. V. Brown.

Baltimore, Md.

Christmas came and went, and there was no special event among the deaf-mutes of this city worthy of mention, except that most of them were kindly remembered Santa Claus. On Wednesday night, December 31st, the members of the deaf-mute society, fittingly celebrated the closing of the old year and the beginning of the new year, but every noisy feature was omitted. The society's large room opened at 7:30 o'clock, and the people began to pour in until there was a big mass of humanity. The committee bustled about and succeeded in getting everything in good shape. Notwithstanding the McKinley Bill, a huge table was laden with the good things of the season. The entertainment wound up with hand-shaking and New Year greetings, and all agreed that it was the best entertainment ever held. Messrs. Unsworth, Branflick, Boss, Mooney and Briscoe, the committee, deserve credit for their successful efforts.

Among these present were, Misses A. Barry, O'Neill, Kriesel, Wicks, Schuman, Mrs. Smithson, Messrs. J. A. Trundle, F. and G. Leitner, Butterbaugh, Nicholson, Lurman, Feldpusch, P. C. Boss, and others.

It is announced that the price of cigars went up after January 1st 1891. Perhaps this will encourage the annual reforms to swear off smoking. Mr. John A. Trundle, of Germantown, Md., a prosperous deaf-mute farmer, has been spending the holidays among his friends in this city.

Messrs. John L. Randolph and F. L. Pentress, of Norfolk, Va., spent a few days in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Randolph told the writer that he had the Lord's Prayer in the sign-language copyrighted.

Messrs. Mooney and Kavanaugh have joined the Lesters' Protective Union.

Messrs. Branflick, Leitner and Unsworth, were appointed a committee to formulate the constitution and by-laws of the society.

Miss Annie Barry, a teacher at the Maryland School, has been spending the holidays at her home. She looks hale and hearty as of yore. She reports everything in tip-top order at the school.

Several of the leaders of the defunct Peabody Society are giving the new society a wide berth. They prefer not to become members at the present time.

George Leitner has been rusticating in the country, his former home, in Harford County. He informed the writer that he bagged sixteen fine fat rabbits.

FANWOOD.

"My Turn Next, or Poisoned."

THE PROTEANS DO THEMSELVES PROUD.

Brief Notes of Interest.

(From our Fanwood Correspondent.)

On New Year's Eve, the custom of ye olden time, in sitting up till twelve o'clock, to welcome the New Year, was observed by a few of the officers.

New Year's day was passed off very quietly at the Institution. The foggy atmosphere was so dense that you could hardly see three feet distant. Many who would have spent the day in calling remained indoors nearly all day. Those who did venture out are sorry for it. We do not recollect a worse day.

The reunion in the evening was again the cause of much enjoyment to the boys and girls.

On the evening of January 2d, the Protean Society, which is composed of the male members of the High Class, gave its second dramatic entertainment in the chapel of the Institution. There were about two hundred and fifty in attendance, a very small number as compared with their first entertainment last year, but the net proceeds will amount to a neat sum. Many of those present were graduates of this Institution, the Lexington Avenue School, and other schools for the deaf, who live in the city, and with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. McColland, who came from Mountain View, N. J., and Miss Hawkins from the Trenton, N. J., Deaf-Mute School, the rest of the audience was made up of residents of the Heights, and officers, teachers and pupils of the Institution.

Of relatives and friends of our amateur actors, we noticed the mother of Archibald Baxter, and with her was Mr. and Mrs. Reid. The mother and two sisters of Frank Turner were also present, and must have been surprised to see how well Frank acted in the female character that he personated.

"My Turn Next, or, Poisoned," is original.

Mr. William Coombs, the President of the Proteans, is the author. He also managed and took a leading part, and if his efforts did not meet his expectations, those who know what difficulties one has to meet in managing such a play will no doubt agree with us that too much responsibility rested with only one person.

Like all dramatic plays, "My Turn Next; or, Poisoned," had a plot, or rather several plots. We say several plots, because it was hard to see the main plot in the play.

DRAMATIC PERSONS.

Mr. Weather, the landlord, C. E. Vernon.
Tim Bolus, duke, R. K. Tweed.
Frank Trap, cadet, W. Coombs.
John Range, a hayseed, H. F. M. Pace.
Jim, butler, F. J. Gately.
Peter, messenger boy, J. H. Hogan.
Paul, bootblack, M. Glynn.
Patrick Flaherty, policeman, W. Watson.
Billy Keegs, fat man, H. Bettels.
Black Hen, notorious character, A. Baxter.
Helen, Mr. Weather's daughter, F. A. Stryker.
Peggy, maid of all work, F. Turner.

Stage Manager, W. Coombs.
Stage Carpenters, W. Bowers, W. Watson.

The curtain rose at exactly at eight o'clock, revealing the Red Lion Inn. Helen, the landlord's daughter, is seen sitting by the window. Tim Bolus, a duke, in love with Helen, appears. The cadet, accompanied by his valet, soon makes things disagreeable for the duke, as he also is in love with Helen.

The plot consisted in the rivalry of the cadet and duke for the innkeeper's daughter. The latter was the favored suitor, and the former after threatening to commit suicide, decides to poison his rival, but by mistake poisons himself. The other characters, though good, were merely incidental, introduced to give movement to the play.

The costumes were pretty, especially the ball dress worn by Helen (F. A. Stryker). That he resembled a young girl to perfection there is no denying, and his acting was up to the customary amateur standard. H. F. M. Pace, as John Range, a hayseed, couldn't be beat. Much of the success of the play is owing to his good acting.

Frank Turner, too, deserves special mention, as the character he performed was not an easy one.

H. Bettels, as Billy Keegs, the fat man, was amusing.

All the others did pretty well, and taken as a whole, the play was well staged. That it was better than the one last year, no one will deny.

The scenery used in the play was loaned to the Proteans by the Fanwood Literary Association, whose property it is.

The Proteans wish to thank all who rendered their assistance in various ways.

Miss Frankie Hawkins, who was on her way to Trenton, N. J., from Oswego, N. Y., where she spent the holidays, stopped at the Institution in order to see the play. She left on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McColland also remained over night. They left early the next morning.

Robert Maynard spent the holidays at home, and made several calls

on New Year's, and the next morning he did not get up till one o'clock. As it was foggy the entire day, he thought it was only eight o'clock.

Mr. Charles J. Craft, of Clove, N. Y., who graduated from the First Class of this Institution about eight years ago, while on business in the city paid his *alma mater* a visit. Charles looks the same as he did while a pupil, except that he is a little stouter. He has been steadily employed ever since he graduated, and by steady habits and economy has been able to save quite a snug sum; an example that many other deaf-mutes would do well to imitate.

Mr. James Welsh, whom many Fanwood graduates will remember met with a railroad accident while still a pupil here, called on the 27th. He was but poorly clad. His parents both died recently. He was on his way to Jersey, where he expects by the aid of friends to secure employment as a farm hand.

Mr. Fred H. King, of Binghamton, N. Y., a graduate of the High Class of this Institution, who was for about two years a supervisor of the boys, was seen in Harlem, N. Y., on December 26th last.

On the day after Christmas, Miss Prudence Lewis paid a brief but very pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penrose, at their charming home in New Market, N. J. Miss Lewis was pressed to remain for a week, which invitation she was obliged to decline on account of her duties here, but at some future time she promised to do so.

Nearly the whole of the last issue of the JOURNAL was set up by Messrs. Tweed and Glynn, who were the only two composers that remained at the Institution during the holidays. If it wasn't for the fact that the JOURNAL was printed one day earlier, and that a couple of columns were left over till this issue, we wouldn't have mentioned it.

Miss Josephine L. Ensign spent her vacation in Philadelphia, Pa. On Christmas day she attended the performance of the "Merry Monarch," which is now playing an engagement in that city.

Mr. Daniel Fox, a brother of Prof. Fox, died of pneumonia on New Year's Day, and was buried on the Sunday following.

Mr. William L. Hanson, a graduate of the High Class of '90, has been appointed supervisor of the boys. He entered upon his duties last Monday.

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THE GALLAUDET HOME.

For the past five years we have filled the post of correspondent for the JOURNAL in behalf of the Home, and will continue to do so, so that the many friends of this noble charity may be kept informed of its progress and well-being, instead of letting it drop into oblivion.

During Christmas week, Mrs. Toten received from Newark, N. J., a large oil painting of herself, taken when she was twenty years old. She enjoyed her eighty-third birthday on the 2d inst.

Mrs. E. L. Graham has recovered from an attack of pneumonia, and is able to be about again.

The inmates have changed their evening quarters from the library room to the hall near the front stairs.

Benny Friday absented himself Tuesday, the 23d ult., and boarded a noon train for Albany, to spend the holidays with his mother.

Some of us got handsome Christmas presents from our relatives and friends.

Mike Bauer met with an accident out of doors Saturday afternoon, the 20th of last month. He slipped down on the ice and hurt his forehead, but, thanks to Mrs. Nicholson's good care, Mike is all right now.

A rainbow of great brilliancy was observed in the southern sky, extending from east to west, between nine and twelve o'clock on the night of Wednesday, December 24th.

Rev. Dr. Gallaudet came up from New York Saturday evening, the 27th ult., and was surprised and pleased to see how beautiful the chapel looked. As it is the custom when he is here, the inmates went into the chapel, and he told them among other things that it is quite probable the Home will get the \$10,000 which was left to it by the late Miss M. A. Edson, who died a year ago.

On the last Sunday of the old year, Dr. Gallaudet officiated twice in the chapel, and at the early service a collection amounting to over three dollars was taken up, and we had a celebration of the holy communion. The doctor's sermon in the afternoon was very interesting. After dinner the next day he left for Poughkeepsie, and remained with the Nelson family over night, and then proceeded to New York to attend a Christmas festival, held at the Home for Orphan Children, on East 209th Street and Lexington Avenue, of which he is a trustee.

Prof. E. H. Currier is expected here about the middle of this month.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

The season of gifts has come and gone, but what delightful memories are associated with it. Perchance those who take the JOURNAL—and their name is legion—would like to know how Christmas was celebrated at the Home, therefore the writer will begin with an account of it. Never before have the inmates had a pleasanter time than on Christmas, 1890, for there was much that added to the enjoyment of the occasion, and Santa Claus remembered them when

he went about on his mission of benevolence, and as he took his departure, a broad smile overspread his venerable countenance. A few days prior to Christmas, the needle so essential to the gentler sex was in frequent use, for great preparations were going on.

If the secret may be let out, Mrs. Kipp and Mrs. Graham made a number of black rag dolls which they stuffed with saw-dust, and dressed in the latest fashion. Miss Spear displayed her skill in the millinery line by fixing silk and flannel bonnets of different colors, which the dolls wore with proud dignity. The reader will doubtless wonder what the rag dolls were for, because we have passed far beyond the boundary of childhood, but there is no harm in having a little fun now and then, to brighten the monotony of every-day life. The dolls were intended as presents for the men from their lady friends, and when the parcels were opened there was a good deal of laughing and talking, and all went on merrily.

On Christmas Eve, Mrs. Nicholson and some of us assisted in decorating the library room, chapel, and dining room with evergreens, and the apartments looked very nice and attractive. A beautiful cross of evergreens, a white star, and a heart having Bible inscriptions on them, and trimmed with the same dark material made by Mr. Sprague's skilful fingers, were placed in front of the large bay-window in the chapel. From the chandeliers were suspended green wreaths, and at each of the windows hung a heart made of evergreens. The altar and chancel were tastefully decorated, and in the centre of the latter was tied a pretty white ribbon.

When the inmates entered the dining room on Christmas morning, the customary greetings were exchanged, and they found lovely floral cards on the table at their respective places, which came from Mrs. E. H. Currier, of the lady managers. Breakfast over, the soiled dishes done away with, and the other work finished, we assembled in the chapel at eleven o'clock, and Mr. Sprague conducted an appropriate Christmas service. Then there was a pleasant social gathering in the library room to fill up the time until noon, when we wended our way back to the chapel to receive Christmas presents from Santa Claus, who turned out to be Edwin Palin. Each of us got a long colored stocking, filled with oranges, nuts, candies and raisins. The presents consisted of fancy and plain handkerchiefs, small, round, looking-glasses, neckties, gloves, bottles of perfumery, white aprons, and other useful articles too numerous to mention. An excellent dinner was served at two o'clock p.m., and Christmas letters were distributed among all.

The rest of the afternoon was spent in various ways. In the library room the photographs of the late Dr. H. P. Peet, the elder Gallaudet and his son, Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, were festooned with ivy and evergreens, which went a long way to show how much we honor the name of Gallaudet and Peet, the great and good benefactors of the deaf and dumb in America. At seven o'clock, the inmates were treated to a sumptuous repast, which kind, motherly Mrs. Nicholson furnished at her own expense. Christmas closed with an entertainment in the evening, in which Mrs. Kipp, Mike Bauer, Charles Oakes and Edwin Palin took part, but, not wishing to take up too much space, we will omit a description of what transpired.

LOUISE.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY.

BY THEODORE BAKER.

The happiest day of all the year and the one to be the longest remembered, is the day the children all over this land of ours are awaiting the arrival of their old and tried friend, Santa Claus. How often our thoughts are reversed and we are caused to look backward over the long days and nights we spent in waiting the coming of this friend. And how often we have tried to withhold the king of rest, as our eyelids seemed more powerful than we, and would close down in spite of our efforts to keep them open, and Santa Claus would steal a march while we were in dreamy land. How long the time seemed then, from one Christmas to another. But now it is just the opposite. How rapidly the time seems to speed away, hardly giving us time to bid it farewell. When I was a child, I did not think of this day as I do now. I thought, as many children think now, that it was a day set apart to give and receive presents. But more, far more than that, a day of rejoicing "and glad tidings." Over eighteen hundred years ago, at Bethlehem, in Judea, in an old stable was when and where the King of all the earth was born. What intense excitement prevailed on that memorable morn. The herdsmen tending their flocks were talked to by the angels from heaven. The wise men of the east were notified by invisible powers, and were told to go to Bethlehem and see the "new born King of the Jews," and they went. From that day on, down from the annals of time, comes this rejoicing, pealing forth the merry strains of Christmas Day, on the day Christ was born.

Let the rejoicing continue, but let us rejoice in the proper manner. First having our mind fix on the one mediator between God and man. A greater present hath no man to give. But God, out of mercy and pity for sinful men, gave His only Son, that we might have life, and not to one, but to the whole world. What a blessed present.

So let us while we are giving gifts to our children and friends, not forget the great gift God gave to us.

And while we are rejoicing and thanking our friends for kindly remembering us, let us not forget to thank God for his dear Son. If we did not thank Him for the past birthday, may we not forget that soon, if we live, there will be others to rush in upon us, so let us look to ourselves that we may be "weighed in the balance," and found to contain the full avoirdupois. Of all holidays, let Christmas be the one when all will forget the world's busy sores and spend that day in thanksgiving and prayer, for this gracious gift. That we will go out to enter upon the New Year that follows so closely with new zeal to work for the Master, may we always remember that of all holidays, the 25th day of December is the birthday of the Saviour of the world, and not a day for mere fun and no thought.

THE CHICAGO DAY SCHOOLS.

Deaf-Mutes are Agitated.

THEY MAKE CHARGES AGAINST SUPERINTENDENT EMERY WHICH HE VIGOROUSLY DENIES.

(Chicago Daily News, Dec. 26.)

Last Monday evening Ald. Vierling presented in the council a resolution asking for the appointment of a committee to thoroughly investigate the present system of teaching deaf-mutes in the Chicago public schools, the value of methods employed and the cost of the instruction. This resolution was referred to the committee on education. Ald. Vierling presented the resolution at the request of several mutes who are active in their opposition to the present force of teachers in the schools. This opposition is of long standing.

Over a year ago, there was a large meeting of mutes at which a committee was appointed to investigate the Chicago day schools and prepare a petition was presented to the school board and referred to the committee on schools for the deaf and dumb, of which Thomas Brennan is chairman. No response has ever reached the petitioners and so they have determined to take up the matter in the council.

Their general complaint is that too much money is expended on the schools for the amount of benefit derived. Five teachers are employed in different parts of the city, the number of pupils to each instructor being only eight or ten. Superintendent Philip Emery gets a salary of \$1,100 a year for directing the work. His wife is teacher at one of the schools and his daughter at another. It is alleged that they get the fat salaries and that three-fifths of the appropriation reaches the Emery family. The other two lady teachers are intimate friends of the family. Mr. Gallagher is said by the complaining mutes to be the only expert and thoroughly able instructor, some of those now employed having been given their places when they had little or no knowledge of the sign-language. It is claimed that Mrs. Emery is a woman of advanced years and an invalid, who does not have the physical strength to stand on her feet and carry on the brisk exercises demanded by the sign-language, consequently her work is imperfectly done. Superintendent Emery and his wife are mutes, but the daughter is not.

It is further claimed by the deaf and dumb complainants that the schools should be consolidated so as to permit the forming of classes and a system of grading, as the present plan is not giving any satisfactory results.

For the above reasons a large portion of the silent citizens are demanding a change and the breaking up of the Emery family combination in the schools. The school board is inclined to defend the teachers against the united attack.

Superintendent Emery was found at his home, 43 May Street, yesterday afternoon by a reporter for the *Morning News*. He very forcibly expressed himself on the situation, and the way that he cracked his fingers and waved his arms was enough to disperse any charge that he was not familiar with the sign-language. The daughter acted as interpreter. "The attack on the Chicago day schools comes from the graduates of the Jacksonville school who wish to get jobs," said he, with his fingers. "These Jacksonville mutes are very clannish and have united to secure control of the Chicago day schools. It is true that my wife and daughters are teachers, but they work hard and faithfully, and their salaries are quite small."

"My experience as an instructor of deaf-mutes extends over thirty-nine years, and I began teaching at Indianapolis with Dr. Gillett, now of the Jacksonville State institution. The Chicago schools are not expensive, for it only costs the city \$95.34 annually for each pupil, while at Jacksonville it costs the State \$257. There is a great advantage in having day schools in cities, as small children should not be taken away from home and consigned to a State institution. They should combine home-training with a public school education. So far as consolidating the schools is concerned we find it difficult to secure a good attendance even with five schools, because the city is so large and the population so scattered."

"The law is intended to deal liberally with deaf-mutes, because they are as much entitled to public benefit as any one else. In some States there is a provision that in any

school district where there are three or more deaf and dumb children a teacher must be provided at the public expense. The Chicago schools are not large, but each pupil demands a large share of the instructor's attention.

"In regard to charges of incompetency, we are willing that our methods and results should be investigated. Many graduates of the day schools now hold responsible positions in the city."

The Chicago Mail, of December 26th, contained the following in reference to the above:

"If the council committee, the deaf-mutes, or any one else can show the board of education any way by which the teaching of the deaf-mutes can be improved the board will be glad to act on the suggestion," said Thomas Brennan to-day.

Mr. Brennan's remarks referred to a motion made last Monday in the council that a committee be appointed to investigate the present system of teaching deaf-mutes in the public schools of Chicago. Ald. Vierling, who made the motion, said he did so at the instance of a number of mutes who oppose the present force of teachers. These, it is alleged, are not competent, they are paid too much money, three of them are of one family—Supt. Philip Emery, his wife, and daughter—and it is claimed the present scattered schools should be consolidated. It was further stated that similar complaints were made a year ago to the board of education. The matter was referred to the committee on school management, of which Mr. Brennan is chairman, and was never after heard of. Therefore the complainants appealed to the council.

Replying to these allegations Mr. Brennan said to-day: "The matter is an old one. The committee on school management, after thoroughly considering it, decided to make no change because the school work for the year had already been organized and there was not sufficient reason for change. It seems to me that it makes no difference if three teachers belong to one family if they are competent, and I am assured by persons who are well informed in such matters that Mr. Emery and his wife and daughter are thoroughly competent. Their pay is less than that of other teachers having the same term of service. Miss Emery can get more pay any time she wants to go to the Jacksonville school."

"We have not adopted the consolidated school system because these children can not go to school unattended, and therefore we sought to provide them with accommodations as near home as possible. Then, too, the best educators in that line say that a class of five to ten is as large as any one teacher can attend to. The charge of extravagance is plainly refuted by the fact that at Jacksonville the cost to the State for each deaf and dumb pupil is more than \$200 per year, while our rate is about \$100. The total expense for teaching deaf-mutes in Chicago is about \$65,000 per year."

Supt. Emery says the complaints are made by graduates of the Jacksonville school, who want the places held by the present teachers.

Western Ontario.

As might have been expected, Andrew S. Waggoner got a two weeks' holiday during the Christmas season. On Christmas eve he took the midnight express for Flint, Mich., where he arrived in time for his Christmas dinner. During his stay there for three days he visited the Deaf and Dumb Institution and made acquaintances with the deaf-mutes of that place. On December 27th, Andrew went to Detroit, to spend the remainder of his holidays with his friends there. He visited the Sutherlands, Misses Gertude E. Maxwell, Clara P. Smith, and other mutes. He returned to Berlin to resume his work on January 5th.

On October 28th, Mary Steepier, who used to live half-way between Stratford and Scrimville, moved with her parents to Iowa, where they will in future feed on the husks of corn. Her brother still works in a jeweler's store in Stratford.

I received an unexpected present from Supt. Mathison of the Belleville Institution, who is noted for possessing a large heart of kindness towards all his deaf-mute friends. It was a photograph of the late S. T. Greene's monument, for which Mr. Mathison will please accept my hearty thanks. I have shown the picture to the mutes in this neighborhood, and judging from its appearance they all speak very highly of it.

Wm. Rose, of Berlin, spent the Christmas holidays in London with his friends.

Chas. Golds, of the same town, and a friend visited his homestead in Paris, and then called on their friends in Brantford.

Emil Gottlieb had his Christmas turkey with his mother and sister in Ayr.

A few days before Christmas, I received a number of cards from Willie Key, of Oil Springs, with the instructions that I should distribute them to the mutes in this locality at once. On December 21st, I drove round, taking Edward Barthel with me. We visited Schweitzer's and Robert Hoy's and returned home at the fall of darkness. Mr. Kay said he had painted some thirty-five of these cards for his friends.

Thomas Noyes, of Lakeside, visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoy at Avon-ton recently, and stayed for a few weeks.

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